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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208
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A RESOLUTION To honor Marcus Moody of the University of
Memphis on his outstanding basketball career.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to recognize those
outstanding athletes who, through their remarkable achievements, bring honor to this State and
serve as an inspiration to all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Moody of the University of Memphis is one such estimable
basketball player; during his collegiate career, he played the game in such a commendable way
as to ensure that he will long hold a prominent position in the rich lore of Tiger basketball; and

WHEREAS, As a freshman, he burst onto the collegiate basketball scene in a manner
that was unparalleled among Tiger freshmen; on December 13, 1997, he put together a
performance that could only be described as legendary; and

WHEREAS, That night, he single-handedly dominated the vaunted Oklahoma Sooners
throughout the game, setting school records for points scored by a freshman, with forty-one,
and for successful three-point shots, with seven; the climax of the evening occurred just before

the final buzzer sounded when "Smooth," as Mr. Moody is known to his friends and teammates, connected on a game-winning jump shot to secure the victory; and

WHEREAS, As a sophomore, Marcus Moody suffered a setback when he sprained his knee during a December game; he diligently and fearlessly worked his way back to full strength, allowing him to compile career statistics that placed him near the top of any listing of the University of Memphis' greatest players; and

WHEREAS, During his record-setting career, Mr. Moody set the Tiger standard for career three-pointers, connecting on 163 of them; having scored 1,206 points, he ranks nineteenth among Memphis players in career scoring, and his 160 steals placed him in seventh on the school's all-time list; and

WHEREAS, As a Senior, Marcus Moody's outstanding play and wealth of experience keyed the resurgence of University of Memphis basketball; following consecutive losing seasons, the Tigers compiled an impressive 21-15 record during the 2000-01 season and finished only one game out of first place in Conference USA; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers' outstanding season earned them a berth in the National Invitational Tournament, and their performance peaked at just the right moment, allowing them to blitz through the field to reach the tournament's Final Four, held at the famed Madison Square Garden in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The University of Memphis garnered a third-place finish in the tournament, finishing as one of only three Division I teams to end their year with a postseason victory; during the tournament, Marcus averaged 12.8 points and three assists per game while hitting 51% of his field goal attempts and turning the ball over just five times to lead the Tigers on their remarkable postseason run; and

WHEREAS, For years to come, faithful Tiger fans will fondly recall the many gutsy performances of Marcus Moody and the moments when he elevated his game and brought the rest of the team up to a higher level with him; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we now pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this vastly talented Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Marcus Moody for his outstanding collegiate basketball career and join with his family, friends, teammates, and coaches in thanking him for the fond memories which he provided for the University of Memphis basketball community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much happiness and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.